

## ADDENDUM

Jacob S. Denny House  
QA-510  
6915 Main Street, Queenstown  
History Matters, LLC  
April 2007

### 1. Name of Property

historic Jacob S. Denny House (preferred)  
other John and Clara Bishop House (historic)

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### 3. Owner of Property

name J. Michael & Elinor W. Warring  
street and number 6915 Main Street  
city, town Queenstown state MD zip code 21658

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### 7. Description

#### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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#### Description

#### *Interior Description*

The interior of the Denny House remains essentially intact although recent renovation work has removed some of the historic finishes. The two-and-a-half-story, three-bay, main block features a center-hall plan on the first floor. The former kitchen comprises the entire first floor of the rear ell. The second floor encompasses two bedrooms in the main block, one on either side of a central stair hall, with a small closet/room between them at the east end of the second floor stair hall. A single bedroom occupies the second floor of the rear ell.

The first floor finishes include tall baseboards with ogee base moldings, and symmetrically molded trim with bulls-eye corner blocks that frames the windows and doors. Many of the four-panel wood doors remain in place, as do their porcelain doorknobs. The floorboards have been either removed or covered with plywood throughout the first floor, and the mantels have been removed from the fireboxes on the first floor; they appear to have been stripped and refinished, and are stacked in the stair hall. The open-stringer, open-well stair features scroll-sawn wood brackets on the outer string, and turned wood balusters that support a curved and molded handrail. The newel post with its incised ball newel cap is decorated by engaged, turned posts at the corners, and a bulls-eye motif in the top block. A fretted plaster frieze decorates the stairwell.

The former kitchen space that occupies the first floor of the rear ell has been gutted. It appears that partition walls have been removed along with parts of the ceiling. Wood vertical board wainscoting remains on most of the walls, although portions of the plaster finish above have been removed or damaged during construction.

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### 8. Significance

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#### Statement of Significance

The Denny House was built on land that local merchant Jacob S. Denny bought in 1892. Denny lived there with his wife Clara V. Denny, his daughter Mary, and his aunt Elizabeth Mowbry.<sup>1</sup> Denny ran a general store in town and was active in the local business and civic community.

Denny's store was located on the corner of Main Street and Del Rhodes Avenue where the U.S. Post Office now stands. Between 1882 and 1893, William H. Denny, Jacob's brother owned the business. In 1893, William sold the business to Jacob, who operated it until 1918 when he sold it to James Sylvester.

Denny served on the Board of Directors for the Queenstown Public Library, and was one of seven local directors of Queenstown's first bank, the Queenstown Savings Bank, that was established in 1899.<sup>2</sup>

According to local historian Harry C. Rhodes, in the 1920s and 1930s, the Denny House served as Queenstown's telephone office.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> 1900 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, Queenstown, Enumeration District 66, Sheet 48B.

<sup>2</sup> Harry C. Rhodes, *Queenstown: The Social History of a Small American Town* (Queenstown, MD: The Queen Anne Press, 1985), pp. 153, 159, 264, 284-285.

<sup>3</sup> Rhodes, p. 122.

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### **9. Major Bibliographical References**

Rhodes, Harry C. *Queenstown: The Social History of a Small American Town*. Queentown, MD: The Queen Anne Press, 1985.

U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1900.

### **11. Form Prepared By**

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The second floor retains its original random-width, pine floorboards and decorated Victorian-style mantels in both front bedrooms. The ceiling has been removed in the second floor rear room of the ell, the joists exposed, and the rafters covered with stained beadboard. The baseboards, window and door trim, and four-panel wood doors match those found on the first floor.

### *Alterations*

Since the initial survey was completed in 1999, the garage has been altered. The following is a complete description of the garage as it stood in May 2007. The circa-1940, one-story, two-bay garage sits on a concrete block foundation, and is clad with wood German siding. It has a low-pitched, side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles, and wood boxed eaves. Each of the two vehicle bays is filled by a paneled, vinyl roll-up door, with four lights in a row across its top. The poured concrete driveway only ramps up to the northernmost vehicle bay. Two, six-over-six, wood, double-hung sash windows pierce each of the garage's side elevations. The garage's interior was inaccessible at the time of survey.

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### Chain of Title

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- 25 October 2001      Katheryne H. Hane to J. Michael Warring & Elinor W. Warring  
Liber SM 849, folio 1  
Lot improved by a two story frame dwelling house & outbuildings known as the  
"Jacob Denny Property", the "John Bishop Property" or the "Effie Bishop Property".  
3 roods & 4.8 perches  
Clifford Hane died Jan 5, 1980.
- 26 June 1969      Queenstown Bank of Maryland to F. Clifford Hane & Katheryne H. Hane  
Liber CWC 42, folio 246  
Lot improved by a two story frame dwelling house & outbuildings known as the  
"Jacob Denny Property", the "John Bishop Property" or the "Effie Bishop Property".  
3 roods & 4.8 perches
- 28 February 1969      F. Clifford Hane to Queenstown Bank of Maryland  
Liber CWC 40, folio 119  
[same description]  
Thomas Frank & Sylvia G. Kollefrath defaulted on 1965 mortgage to Queenstown  
Bank; Hane was assigned the mortgage & he sold to the bank.
- 7 December 1965      Jessie E. Bishop to Thomas Frank & Sylvia G. Kollefrath  
Liber CWC 19, folio 106  
[same description]  
John T. Bishop (husband) died August 11, 1963
- 24 October 1951      William T. Bishop, William Harry & Nannie C. Bishop, J. William & Gladys R.  
Bishop Keith, Nettie T. Bishop, Florence B. & J. Norman Mason, John T. & Jessie E.  
Bishop, Pearle E. Bishop & Ashby B. Land, Elizabeth B. Tuttle, Joseph C. & Julia G.  
Bishop, Gladys R. Bishop Keith (formerly Gladys R. Bishop, surviving wife of Earle  
R. Bishop), John Robert & Emma M. Bishop, Kathryne Bishop & Joseph  
Burch, Mabelle B. & Howard J. Dukes, Ethel B. & Marion B. Wilson, Martha F. &  
Edward R. Alexander, William E. & Dorothy G. Bishop, Mary Keith & James H. F.  
Jukes, Dorothy K. & Louis H. Perkins, Ellen K. & Harry Tingle, J. William Jr &  
Mollie T. Keith, and Ronald L. Keith  
To John T. & Jessie E. Bishop  
Liber TSP 3, folio 539  
[same description]  
Being the same parcel & lot of land described as "Parcel Number Six" in January 18,  
1938 deed.  
Note: Earle R. Bishop died leaving surviving wife Gladys R. Bishop Keith and  
children: John Robert Bishop, Kathryne Bishop Burch, Mabelle B. Dukes, Ethel B.  
Wilson, Martha F. Alexandria & William E. Bishop.  
Note: Elva B. Keith died leaving husband J. William Keith (since married to Gladys
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R. Bishop, widow of Earle R. Bishop) and five children: Mary Keith Jukes, Dorothy K. Perkins, Ellen K. Tingle, J. William Keith, Jr., & Ronald L. Keith.

18 January 1938

William T. Bishop to Earle R. Bishop, William H. Bishop, Elva B. Keith, Nettie T. Bishop, Florence B. Mason, John T. Bishop, Joseph C. Bishop, Pearl K. Bishop and Elizabeth B. Tuttle  
Liber WHC 6A, folio 179  
Parcel Number Six: known as the "Jacob Denney Property", the "John Bishop Property" or the "Effie Bishop Property" lying in the town of Queenstown.  
3 roods and 4.8 perches.

21 August 1936

William Harry Bishop & Nannie C. Bishop to William T. Bishop  
Liber WHC 4A, folio 376  
Parcel improved by a frame dwelling house and other buildings called or known as "The Jacob Denney Property", the "John Bishop Property", and the "Effie Bishop Property".  
3 roods and 4.8 perches

21 August 1936

William T. Bishop & C. Tilghman Bishop, executors of John Bishop, to Harry Bishop  
Liber WHC 4A, folio 373  
Parcel improved by a frame dwelling house and other buildings called or known as "The Jacob Denney Property", the "John Bishop Property", and the "Effie Bishop Property".  
3 roods and 4.8 perches  
John Bishop died January 1934; his will specified that daughter Effie Elizabeth Bishop had life rights, then property was to be sold at auction; Effie Elizabeth Bishop died 15 April 1936; public sale 25 April 1936 in front of Queenstown Bank (having been advertised in the Centreville Observer—weekly paper).

15 April 1919

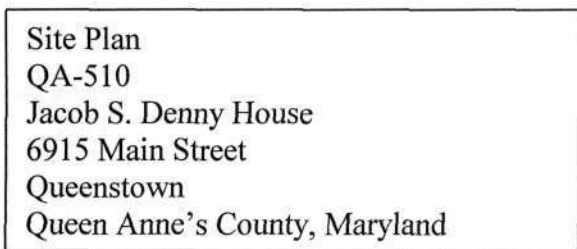
Jacob S. Denny & Clara V. Denny to John Bishop  
Liber: JFR 2, folio 193  
All that lot of land called or known as "The Jacob Denny Property" in Queenstown; containing 3 roods & 4.8 perches; beginning at the second post from the picket fence formerly stood (said point being now marked by a stone).

16 January 1892

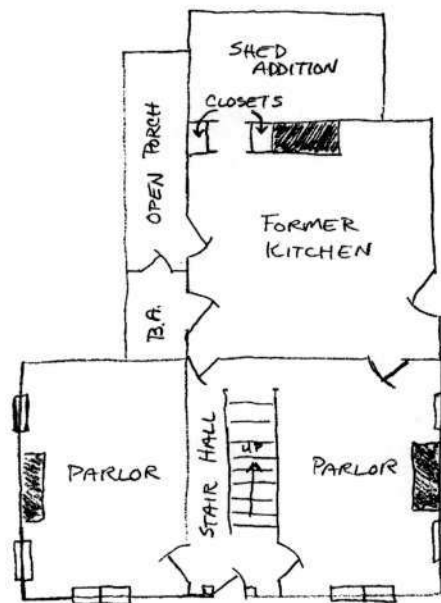
Charles Cockey, M.D. to Jacob S. Denny  
Liber WD 6, folio 387  
All that lot of Ground situate in Queenstown...beginning at the Second post from picket fence on the North west side of the public road leading to Kent Island...thence with division fence North.  
3 roods and 4.8 perches

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[no reference to previous instrument]



6915 MAIN ST. 4/17/04

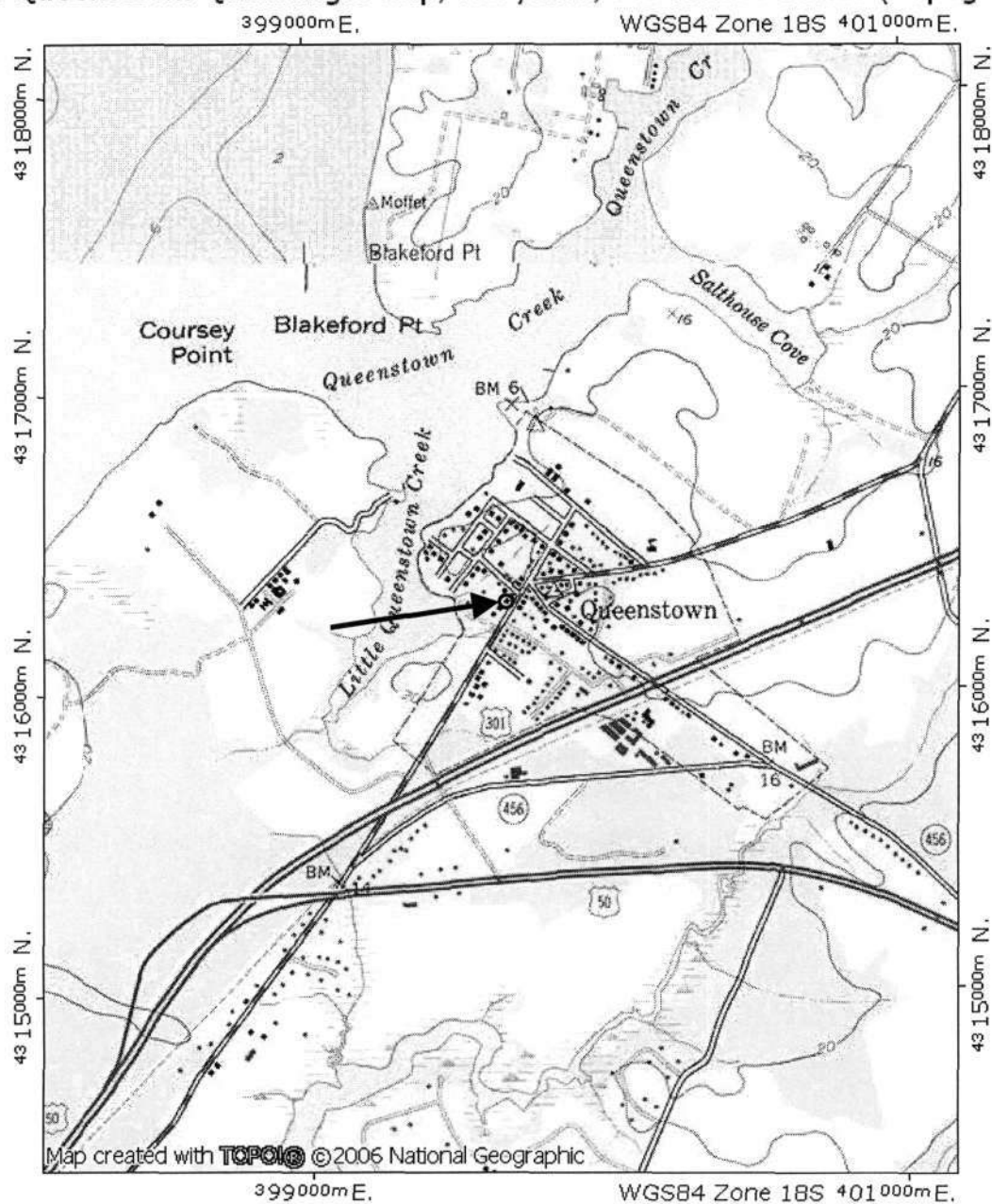


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Floor Plan  
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Jacob S. Denny House  
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Queenstown  
Queen Anne's County, Maryland



# USGS Queenstown Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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**Jacob S. Denny House**  
**6915 Main Street**  
**Queenstown**  
**Queen Anne's County**

0.0 0.5 1.0 miles  
 0.0 0.5 1.0 1.5 km

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JACOB S. DENNY HOUSE

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QUEEN ANNE'S C., MD

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MD SHPO

EAST ELEVATION (FACADE)

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LOOKING SOUTHEAST  
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WEST ELEVATION (REAR)

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REAR "ELL" - SOUTH ELEVATION

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MAIN BLOCK - SOUTH ELEVATION

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DETAIL- CENTER GABLE ON FACADE

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GARAGE - LOOKING NORTHWEST

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STAIR HALL - LOOKING NORTHWEST

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STAIRHALL - LOOKING SOUTHWEST UP MAIN STAIR

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NORTH PARLOR - LOOKING NORTHWEST

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FORMER KITCHEN - LOOKING WEST

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2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR SOUTH BEDROOM - LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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6915 Main Street  
Queenstown, Queen Anne's County  
Private  
1892

**Capsule Summary**

The Victorian period dwelling located at 6915 Main Street individually possesses those qualities of local significance as defined by the National Register of Historic Places Criteria A and C. The house reflects the development of domestic architecture in Queenstown during the late nineteenth century (Criterion A). The house constructed in 1892 is one of the finest Victorian homes constructed in Queenstown and embodies the distinctive characteristics that define the Victorian period architecture (Criterion C). Important stylistic ornamentation include the decorative cornice featuring a saw tooth fascia board with wide overhanging eaves, the projecting front gable with decorative wood shingles and a braced wood spandrel, and decorative window and door surrounds. The house conveys its historic association and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, location and setting.

Inventory No. QA-510

### 1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic

other 6915 Main Street

## 2. Location

street and number 6915 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Queenstown

vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

### 3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kathryn H. Hane

street and number 6915 Main Street

telephone

city, town Queenstown

state MD

zip code 21658

#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 51A, P.070

city, town Centreville

liber CWC

folio 42/246

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other:

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
_____ district	_____ public	_____ agriculture	_____ landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> private	_____ commerce/trade	_____ recreation/culture	<u>    1    </u>	<u>    1    </u> buildings
_____ structure	_____ both	_____ defense	_____ religion	_____	_____ sites
_____ site		<u>  X  </u> domestic	_____ social	_____	_____ structures
_____ object		_____ education	_____ transportation	_____	_____ objects
		_____ funerary	_____ work in progress	<u>    1    </u>	<u>    1    </u> Total
		_____ government	_____ unknown		
		_____ health care	_____ vacant/not in use		
		_____ industry	_____ other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				0	

## 7. Description

Inventory No. QA-510

### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### Summary

The building located at 6915 Main Street is a two-story, wood frame, Victorian residence constructed in 1892. The building faces east on Main Street. The building is sited on a slight rise above the street and features two large sycamore trees located on either side of the central poured concrete walkway leading from the street. A concrete driveway located along the side (north) elevation provides access from the street to a one-car garage located in the rear of the property. The base of the house is marked by foundation plantings.

### Description

The Victorian period residence located at 6915 Main Street comprises a main block and ell that forms an L-shaped footprint. The building rests on a brick foundation. The wood frame walls are clad with clapboard siding. The building terminates in a side-gable roof with a central projecting gable and rear gable. The roof is sheathed with composition shingles and features a saw toothed fascia board with wide overhanging eaves. Two interior brick chimneys are located along the gable ends of the building.

The principal (east) elevation features a central raised six panel wood door with a four-light transom and three-light sidelights. The first floor features two paired, elongated one-over-two-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. The second floor features three paired one-over-one-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. These windows feature a simple wood sill and wide wood lintel with a common center casing. Each window features simple wood surrounds and louvered shutters. The cornice features a saw tooth fascia board with wide overhanging eaves. The project center gable features paired, arched, one-over-one-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. The window also features a simple wood sill and wide wood surround with a common center casing. The gable peak is marked by decorative wood shingles and a braced wood spandrel with radiating wood struts. The side elevations of the principal block feature two, two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood sash windows on the first and second floor level. These windows feature simple wood sills and wide wood lintels. The gable ends of the principal block feature two, arched one-over-one-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. The gable peak is marked by decorative wood shingles.

A two-story ell is appended to the west wall of the main block along the north elevation and extends to the rear of the house. The ell is one bay wide and two rooms deep. The ell also is clad with clapboard siding. The ell features two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood sash windows with simple wood sills and wide wood lintels. The eave is marked by a simple wood fascia board and wide overhanging eaves. A single-light wood door sheltered by a braced shed roof portico provides access to the side (north) elevation of the ell. A one-story hipped roof porch supported by three wood posts is located on the side (south) elevation of the ell. The rear (west) elevation of the ell includes a shed roof addition. The shed roof addition rests on a concrete foundation and is clad with vertical wood siding. A single-light wood door provides access to the shed addition. The shed addition terminates in a shed roof sheathed with composition shingles. The gable end of the rear (west) elevation features a pair of four-over-four-light, double-hung, wood sash windows with simple wood sills and lintels.

A one-story, one car detached garage is located northwest of the principal dwelling. The garage is accessed by a concrete driveway. The garage rests on a rusticated stone foundation with wood frame walls clad with clapboard siding. The garage features a replacement, wood, overhead sliding track vehicle door flanked by a wooden door with arched panels. The garage features six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash windows with simple wood surrounds. The garage terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The building is a non-contributing element to the historic property.

The house located at 6915 Main Street is one of the finest Victorian period houses constructed in Queenstown (Criterion C). Important stylistic ornamentation include the decorative cornice that features a saw tooth fascia board with wide overhanging eaves, the projecting front gable with decorative wood shingles and a braced wood spandrel, and decorative window and door surrounds. The house has remained relatively unaltered with the exception of the one-story rear shed roof addition. The house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association as a late- nineteenth century residential building.

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In 1892, the town was incorporated and Queenstown became the terminus of the Queen Anne's County Railroad. By the end of 1896, the town had a population of 400 and contained twelve stores, two hotels, an express office, and a post office. The town became a popular excursion destination. In 1902, the railroad shipping terminus was moved to Love Point and the economy of Queenstown declined. The local newspaper noted that ten houses were unoccupied and six storehouses were empty in 1908 (Rhodes 1985:99-100; 168).

During the twentieth century, Queenstown continued to serve as a commercial center for the surrounding area and as a destination for summer residents. Local businesses included a lumberyard, several canneries, and dry goods stores. The Queenstown Bank, established in 1899, provided financial services and occupied a prominent location in town. In 1950, the town had 275 residents.

During the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, residential development began to surround the historic commercial center of Queenstown. In 1882, 20 acres associated with the Bolingly estate located between Queenstown Creek and Main Street were sold at public auction. Residential construction occurred in the area between 1890 and 1930s. A second residential area opened for development in 1914, when a portion of the Bolingly property located between Embert Avenue and Old Wharf Lane was sold. Construction in this area began in 1917 and continued through the 1950s.

Since the 1950s, Queenstown has become increasingly a residential community, encouraged by the construction of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Route 301. During the 1970s, residential development occurred south of the town center near Thompson and Aker Avenues. In the 1990s, residential development occurred east of Dudley Road in Queenstown Village and a waterfront golf community known as Queenstown Harbor located southwest of town. Commercial activity now is concentrated at the large outlet mall on the edge of town.

### Resource History

The house located at 6915 Main Street was constructed in 1892 for Jacob S. Denny. Denny occupied the house until 1919 when it was sold to Clara and John Bishop. The house remained in the Bishop family until it was sold in 1965 to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Frank Kollefrath. After a foreclosure of the mortgage by The Queenstown Bank of Maryland in 1969 the house was sold to F. Clifford Hane and his wife Katheryne. Mr. Hane died in 1980; the house currently is occupied by Mrs. Hane (Rhodes 1985: 375-376).

The Victorian period dwelling located at 6915 Main Street individually possesses those qualities of local significance as defined by the National Register of Historic Places Criteria A and C. The house reflects the development of domestic architecture in Queenstown during the late nineteenth century (Criterion A). The house, constructed in 1892, is one of the finest Victorian homes constructed in Queenstown and embodies the distinctive characteristics that define the Victorian period architecture (Criterion C). Important stylistic ornamentation includes the decorative cornice featuring a saw tooth fascia board with wide overhanging eaves, the projecting front gable with decorative wood shingles and a braced wood spandrel, and decorative window and door surrounds. The house conveys its historic association and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, location and setting, and feeling.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

**Significance dates** 1892

**Architect** Unknown

**Specific dates**

**Builder** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☒ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### Summary

The house located at 6915 Main Street is one of finest Victorian period houses constructed in Queenstown. The building is associated with broad pattern of the local development of Queenstown (Criterion A). Historic documentation does not suggest that the building is associated with the lives of persons significant in the past (Criteria B). The building embodies the distinctive late nineteenth century characteristics of type, period, or method of construction associated with Victorian period architecture, and also possesses high artistic value (Criterion C). The house conveys its historic association and retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, association, location, setting, and feeling.

### Context History

Queenstown is among the oldest continuously-occupied communities in Queen Anne's County. Established in 1707, Queenstown served as the first county seat. In 1762, the town contained a courthouse, a jail, and five or six dwellings according to an eyewitness account (Rhodes 1985). The county seat was moved to Centreville in 1782.

During the nineteenth century, Queenstown served as a regional commercial center. The area's economy was dominated by agriculture and fishing. The town became an important shipping terminus for goods produced on the Eastern Shore. Sailing packets, then steamboats after 1850, transported goods to the port of Baltimore. During the late nineteenth century, Queenstown also became a processing center for Chesapeake Bay oysters and agricultural products.

Queenstown developed as a linear town oriented along a colonial-era road laid out as a mail road in 1695. Commercial development was concentrated along Main Street and included mixed-use commercial buildings that also contained residences. A pattern of low-scale, low-density development was established that persists until the present day.

Most of the town was surrounded by property associated with the Bolingly estate until after the Civil War. In 1877, the town contained about 36 buildings, including two churches, thirteen commercial buildings, two hotels, one school, and thirteen residences (Lake 1877). The main commercial enterprises in the village center were blacksmith shops and dry goods stores. The waterfront historically was separated from the town center; the 1877 map depicted two landings along Queenstown Creek accessed by roads.

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**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

Eligibility recommended ☒ D

Eligibility not recommended       

Criteria: ☒ A

   B   

☒ C

   D   

Considerations:

   A   

   B   

   C   

   D   

   E   

   F   

   G   

None

Comments:       

*[Signature]*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-510

6915 Main Street  
Queenstown, Queen Anne's County  
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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance Transition A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Rhodes, Harry C.

1985 *Queenstown: The Social History of a Small American Town*. The Queen Anne Press, Queenstown Maryland.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

<.75 acre

Queenstown

Quadrangle scale 1:24:000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries listed on tax map 51A occupying P.070 within the town of Queenstown, Queen Anne's County, Maryland

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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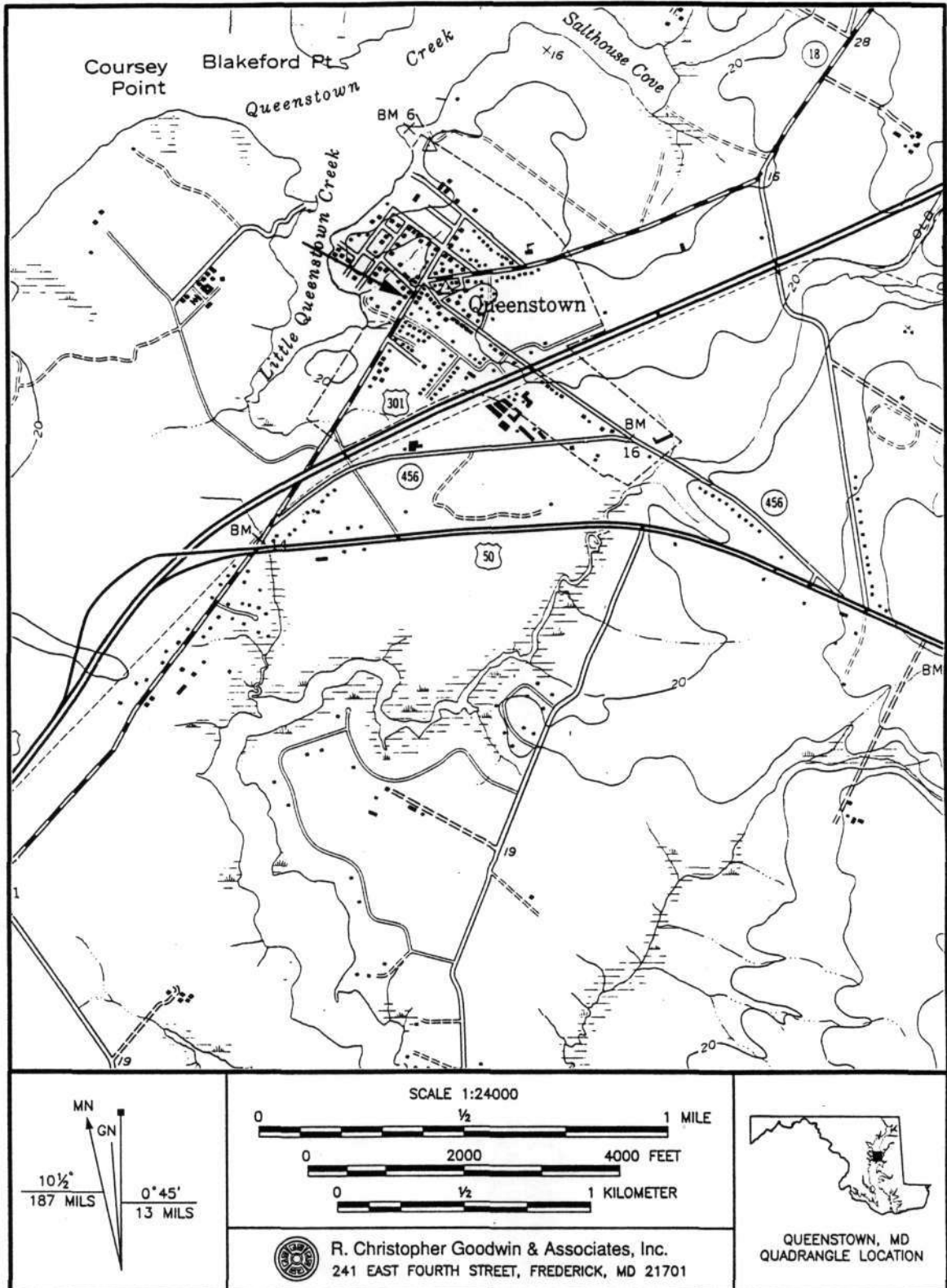
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Queenstown USGS Quadrangle Map



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4. photographer: P. Giglio
4. date of photograph: November 1999
5. location of negative: MD SHPO

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